

## **NDE Bulletin October 22, 2009**

### **NCLB Consolidated Application for 2009-10**

We have learned that districts that assigned their Title I funds to an ESU for a cooperative project **may** not be able to pass the consistency check (due to errors in Title I) and thus cannot submit the NCLB Consolidated Application for 2009-10. This problem cannot be fixed in time for submissions of applications by the due date of October 30. If you have trouble with the consistency check for Title I, please send an email request to this address: [NDE.GMSData@nebraska.gov](mailto:NDE.GMSData@nebraska.gov) when you are ready to submit (be sure to include your district name). "Being ready to submit" means that the consistency check has not found errors on any other programs in your application. NDE staff will manually run the consistency check and notify you by email so you can submit the application. The NDE Helpdesk staff can also help but October 30 is the final date for submission of student and staff data so using the [NDE.GMSData@nebraska.gov](mailto:NDE.GMSData@nebraska.gov) process will be faster.

### **NCLB Consolidated Application for 2008-09**

All 2008-09 NCLB Consolidated Applications should have been closed out by September 30, 2009. NDE does not begin payments for 2009-10 unless the 2008-09 project is closed out. Also, if any 2008-09 applications included carryover funds and the Final Reports have not been submitted by December 1, 2009, the carryover funds will be forfeited.

### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Technology Competitive Grants**

The ARRA Title II, Part D Competitive Technology Grant applications are available at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/titleii/PartD/index.html> The deadline for submitting applications is November 14, 2009. The Nebraska Department of Education conducted a webinar detailing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Technology Grant Competition on Wednesday, October 14th and 15th. This webinar was intended to provide viewers with the application requirements, technical assistance and answer questions. The NDE Title IID website, all links, and application documents were covered in detail. Click [here](#) to view the video of the ARRA webinar.

### **NSSRS Fall 2009-2010 Collection Closes October 30**

The NSSRS Fall 2009-2010 collection will close at midnight Central on Friday, October 30. NDE Helpdesk staff will be available until 6:00 p.m. Central. Below is a high-level summary of required activities:

- 1) Submit required NSSRS templates using the NSSRS Data Manager website. Please refer to the NSSRS Calendar (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Calendar.htm>) for submissions required during this collection window.
- 2) Resolve validation errors (and warnings) using the NSSRS Validation website.
- 3) Review verifications reports using the NSSRS Validation website.
- 4) Print (using the NSSRS Validation website), sign and mail/fax the October "Special Education Assurance Report".
- 5) Approve the "Fall 2009-2010" collection using the NSSRS Data Manager website (requires "District Approve" authorization in the NDE Portal).

### **Nonpublic Reporting in NSSRS**

Please be advised that the October 8, 2009 memo from Commissioner Breed pertaining to a delay in collection of student-level data from nonpublic systems in Nebraska is available at: [http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/docs/NSSRS\\_MEMO\\_NONPUBLIC\\_2009-10-08.pdf](http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/docs/NSSRS_MEMO_NONPUBLIC_2009-10-08.pdf) Nonpublic systems will continue to submit staff data via NSSRS for the first time in 2009-2010.

**Reminders:****2009-2010 Curriculum Report**

The annual Curriculum Report data will be collected via an online application under the Data Collections tab on the NDE portal for teachers in public districts, nonpublic systems, state operated systems and ESUs. This will replace the paper-based Curriculum Report (NDE02-015). There will be two options to submit this data: 1) enter data online or 2) upload a data file (see link below). The Curriculum Report will be due in February as in the past. This information is being provided for planning purposes.

Some districts/systems have Student Information System (SIS) vendors that can create an extract to upload this information. Other districts or systems may need to create a file to upload. The record layout for the upload and a spreadsheet of valid course codes for 2009-2010 is located at:

<http://ess.nde.state.ne.us/DataCenter/DataCollections/Default.htm> then click on 2009/10 Curriculum Report. If you have any questions or comments, please contact:

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